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**Subject**: RE: Inquiry re: Fla 404 assumption

I've made some suggested updates as follows to the desk statement, now that the date for the FR publication and public hearing dates are firm. I'm copying the ORC folks that are on the assumption team to weigh-in.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Also, here is a quick response to the questions from Politico:

Q: The notice references an Aug 27 memo from David Ross. Can you tell me if this undated memo is that one? <a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-08/documents/esa">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-08/documents/esa</a> consultation policy for 404g.pdf

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Q: Also, can you tell me the timeline for both the ESA consultation and the 404 request decision?

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And I just received a call from Bloomberg Industry.

My computer just died so we car

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Specifically, Bloomberg wants to know why this is good for the state of Florida.

I'm adding the Region 4 team to help with a fast response for review.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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On Sep 15, 2020, at 11:21 AM, Jenkins, Brandi < Jenkins. Brandi@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Angela. We can coordinate with OW on a response. An extension would be good.

Brandi

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On Sep 15, 2020, at 11:14 AM, Hackel, Angela < Hackel. Angela@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello everyone,

Please see the below. She is hoping to hear back by noon. (I am checking to see if she can extend or update).

Please let me know how you would like to respond.

Thanks,

Angela

From: Annie Snider <a snider@politico.com>
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Subject: Inquiry re: Fla 404 assumption

Hi all, I see that Florida's request for assumption is in tomorrow's Federal Register. I also see that EPA has flipped its interpretation of whether ESA consultation is required for this step. The notice references an Aug 27 memo from David Ross. Can you tell me if this

undated memo is that one? <a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-08/documents/esa">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-08/documents/esa</a> consultation policy for 404g.pdf

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